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§9-234.1.

(a) This section does not apply to the storage or distribution of sewage sludge at a sewage treatment plant.

(b) Before the Secretary issues, amends, or renews a permit to an applicant or permit holder under § 9-232 or § 9-238 of this subtitle to install, materially alter, or materially extend a structure used for storage or distribution of any type of sewage sludge, the Department shall hold a public hearing on the application, amendment, or renewal.

(c) The Department shall hold a public hearing in the affected subdivision in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(d) If more than 1 county or municipal corporation will be affected by the granting of the sludge storage permit application, the Department may hold a consolidated hearing in any affected subdivision.

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